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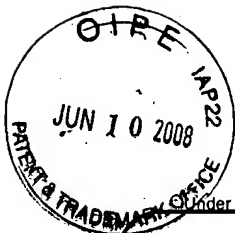
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Other Documents


KTBL, Zukunftsorientierte Milchviehställe, Bundeswettbewerb Landwirtschaftliches Bauen 1995/1996, "Beispielhafte Milchviehställe für große Bestände," 7pp. (German language)

KTBL, Issue: Future-oriented dairy cattle stables, National Competition Agricultural Construction 1995/1996, "Exemplary dairy cattle stables for large herds," 17pp. (English translation)

Copies of these documents are submitted herewith along with PTO/SB 08b.

Applicants respectfully request that these documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "documents cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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